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FOIA REQUEST

National Freedom of Information Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. sec 552.

We request the following information associated with the EPA's June 12, 2014 announcement that Ford Motor Company (Ford) would be required to revise the fuel economy (mpg) estimates for six vehicle models to correct errors found in an internal Ford audit (press release attached).

- A copy of the complete file associated with the investigation and/or audits described in the attached EPA press release,
- A copy of all independent testing conducted on the subject Ford vehicles by EPA and/or the National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory (NVFE), as well as documents related to the EPA's oversight of testing conducted by Ford,
- All records of communications between the EPA and Ford related to this matter; this includes telephone, paper, and electronic correspondence between the EPA and Ford and/or either party's surrogates and/or contractors, as well as comments made to the EPA by Ford and/or their surrogates and/or contractors,
- EPA compliance and/or enforcement reports related to the subject vehicles, as well as any responses from Ford

Please provide your response within 20 business days, as specified in the FOIA and please confirm receipt of this request with a tracking number should we need to contact the EPA regarding the status. Please send any documents as soon as they are available to the above address. We will pay for any costs incurred up to \$100; please contact us if fees are expected to exceed this amount.

If you choose to withhold any portion of the requested documents, please cite the specific exemption of the FOIA Act you feel justifies the denial. Further, we request notification of the appeal procedures available to us, and the time constraints that we must adhere to.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica Little', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Release Date: 06/12/2014

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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced that Ford Motor Company (Ford) is revising the fuel economy (mpg) estimates for six vehicle models to correct errors found in an internal Ford audit. Ford is required to correct fuel economy labels on affected vehicles within 15 days.

EPA oversaw Ford's re-testing program and conducted independent tests to confirm the corrected results as soon as it was notified by Ford of the potential errors. Ford has agreed to implement enhanced validation tests for future vehicles under EPA oversight.

"This issue highlights the need for continued strong oversight of the fuel economy labeling program," said Chris Grundler, director of EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality. "Consumers need to trust that fuel economy window stickers are giving consumers reliable and fair estimates of real world fuel economy."

Cars currently in dealer lots will be re-labeled with new window stickers reflecting the corrected mileage estimates. Ford will re-label four versions of the Ford Fiesta, the Hybrid and Energi versions of the Ford Fusion, the C-Max Hybrid and Energi, and the Lincoln MKZ Hybrid. Most labels will change between 1-5 miles per gallon (mpg). The largest change is for the Lincoln MKZ hybrid whose combined city and highway fuel economy value has been reduced by 7 mpg. EPA and DOE have updated their joint fuel economy site, www.fueleconomy.gov, to reflect the corrected numbers.

EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich., conducts fuel economy testing on a number of vehicles each year to ensure that their performance matches the mileage and emissions data submitted to EPA by automakers. These "spot-checks" are part of the oversight program that helps verify that vehicles on the road meet tailpipe emission standards to protect public health and the environment and that all carmakers follow the same procedures for calculating mileage estimates.

More information on fuel economy: <https://www.epa.gov/fueleconomy/updates.htm>

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